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## NEWS RELEASE

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### DEBRIS REMOVAL FINAL PASS ANNOUNCEMENT

**AUGUSTA, Ga., March 19, 2014** – The debris contractor continues to work in zones 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, and 6C to complete the first pass in these zones. County-wide first pass is approximately 90% complete with the exception of some private subdivisions that commission approved for removal on March 18, 2014 which began today.

To that end, the contractor is gearing up to begin the final pass for areas already complete. Therefore, we are asking citizens to have all debris on the curb by Sunday March 23, 2014 to ensure pick up as well as to meet our deadline of March 31, 2014 for substantial completion of the removal. Debris placed on the curb after this date has no guarantee of being picked up.

During the second pass, the contractor will dedicate a majority of its resources to single zones until complete and move to the next zone. This will begin in Zone 5 and moving south.

When placing debris, please use the following guidelines:

- Move all **clean**, vegetative debris (trees/limbs) from their property to the right of way; crews will not go on to private property to remove debris.
- If possible, consolidate smaller piles into large piles to allow for more efficient operation
- No construction debris, garbage, mattresses, couches, or materials other than vegetative debris should be placed or mixed with vegetative debris for removal; these materials will not be picked up.
- No bagged yard waste will be picked up as this will be picked up by your normal collection.
- Be careful in placement of debris to ensure that debris is not placed over water meters, around mailboxes, street light poles, power poles or other structures that could be damaged by removal equipment.